

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A system for transporting a first wind turbine tower section having a first length and a second wind turbine tower section having a second length, the system comprising:
 - a) a movable transportation device having a first end, a middle section, a second end , and a deck;
 - b) first pedestal means affixed to the deck of the first end of said movable transportation device, said first pedestal means comprising a plurality of deck slot pedestals and a plurality of end stops;
 - c) second pedestal means affixed to the deck of the middle section of said movable transportation device;
 - d) third pedestal means affixed to the deck of the second end of said movable transportation device;
 - e) first bracket means connected to each end of the first tower section;
 - f) second bracket means connected to each end of the second tower section; and,
 - g) locking means to releasably engage said bracket means, said first pedestal means and said second pedestal means.
2. (Original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said first bracket means comprises a first bracket connected to the first end of the first tower section and a second bracket connected to the second end of the first tower section; and said second bracket means comprises a third bracket connected to the first end of the second tower section; and, a fourth bracket connected to the second end of the second tower section.
3. (Original) A system according to claim 2 wherein said first pedestal means is spaced apart from said second pedestal means a distance so that when said first bracket is connected to said first pedestal means, said second bracket is located to cooperate with said second pedestal means.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 2 wherein said first pedestal means is spaced apart from said second pedestal means a distance so that when said third bracket is connected to said first pedestal means, said fourth bracket is located to cooperate with said third pedestal means.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 1 wherein said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means are constructed and arranged to cooperate with twist lock connectors.

6. (Original) A system according to claim 5 wherein said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means are spaced apart from each other a distance sufficient so that two cargo containers can be coupled to each other and located between said first pedestal means and said third pedestal means with the corner members of a first end of said first cargo container located to cooperate with said first pedestal means and the corner members of a second end of said second cargo container located to cooperate with said third pedestal means.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Withdrawn) A system for transporting wind turbine blades on a railroad car, the system comprising: a) three cargo containers, comprising a first cargo container having corner fittings located at least at eight corners thereof, a second cargo container having corner fittings located at least at four corners thereof, and a third cargo container having corner fittings located at least at four corners thereof; b) four pedestals affixed to the railroad car and located so that when said first cargo container is adjacent the railroad car one pedestal is adjacent each of said four corner fittings of said first cargo container; c) a first set of twist connectors comprising four twist connectors, one twist connector of said first set coupled between each of said four of the corner fittings of said first cargo container and each of said four pedestals; d) a second set of twist connectors comprising two twist connectors, one twist connector of said second set coupled between each of two corner fittings of said second cargo container and two of said four pedestals; e) a third set of twist connectors comprising two twist connectors, one twist connector of said third set coupled between each of two corner fittings of said third cargo container and two of said four pedestals; f) a first set of four twist ties, one twist tie of said first set coupled between each

of the four corner fittings of said second cargo container and each of four corner fittings of said first cargo container; and, g) a second set of four twist ties, one twist tie of said second set coupled between each of the four corner fittings of said third cargo container and each of four corner fittings of said first cargo container.

9. (Previously Presented) A system for transporting wind turbine tower sections having flanges with holes to accommodate bolts, the system comprising:

- a) a movable transportation device having a first end and a second end;
- b) first deck slot pedestal means affixed to the floor of the first end of said movable transportation device;
- c) second deck slot pedestal means affixed to the floor of said movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first deck slot pedestal means;
- d) end stop means affixed to the floor of the first end of said movable transportation device;
- e) a first tower bracket connected to said first deck slot pedestal means, said first tower bracket being constrained from lateral motion by said end stop means, and said first tower bracket comprising a plurality of ports located to correspond to a plurality of holes in a flange of a tower section; and,
- f) a second tower bracket connected to said second deck slot pedestal means.

10. (Original) A system according to claim 9 wherein said first deck slot pedestal means is connected to said first tower bracket by twist lock connectors.

11. (Previously Presented) The process for transporting a wind turbine on a movable transportation device, the process comprising:

- a. partially disassembling the wind turbine into three types of components, nacelles, blades and tower sections;
- b. storing the blades in cargo containers suitable for use in multi-mode transportation;
- c. mounting the nacelles on transport structures; and,
- d. affixing brackets to the tower sections.

12. (Previously Presented) A system for temporarily connecting a flange of a wind turbine tower section to a movable transportation device, said system comprising:
 - a) a bracket designed and constructed to be temporarily connected to the flange of the wind turbine tower section;
 - b) at least two pedestals connected to the movable transportation device; and,
 - c) at least two locking members constructed and arranged to temporarily lock said bracket to said at least two pedestals.
13. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises a vertical member with a plurality of ports.
14. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 13 wherein said plurality of ports are located in said bracket so that when said vertical member is located adjacent to said flange at least two of said ports are aligned with bolt holes in said flange.
15. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 14 wherein at least two of said ports are elongated to permit connection with said bolt holes in flanges of different sizes.
16. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises two coupling members constructed to cooperate with said two locking members.
17. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 16 wherein said bracket comprises a vertical member and said two coupling members are located one at each end of said vertical member.
18. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 12 wherein said bracket comprises a base plate to cooperate with a flat surface of the transportation device.
19. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 18 wherein the movable transportation device includes a deck, and said system further comprises at least two end stops affixed to the deck.

20. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 19 wherein said two end stops are spaced apart from each other and said base plate can be temporarily located between said end stops so that said end stops constrain movement of said bracket.

21-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) A transportation system for transporting a wind turbine tower section, the transportation system comprising:

- a) a movable transportation device having a deck;
- b) first type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device; and,
- c) second type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first type of mounting system, said second type of mounting system comprising four pedestals;

wherein said first type of mounting system comprises two pedestals and said first type of mounting system further comprises a bracket which can be temporarily connected to a flange located at the first end of the wind turbine tower section.

25. (Previously Presented) A transportation system for transporting a wind turbine tower section, the transportation system comprising:

- a) a movable transportation device having a deck;
- b) first type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device; and,
- c) second type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first type of mounting system, said second type of mounting system comprising four pedestals;

wherein:

said first type of mounting system comprises two pedestals each having a slot having a first length;

said second type of mounting system comprises four pedestals each having a slot having a second length, and

said second length is longer than said first length.

26. (Previously Presented) A transportation system according to claim 25 wherein said second type of mounting system comprises a bracket which can be temporarily connected to a flange located at the second end of the wind turbine tower section, and said second type of mounting system is located so that two of said pedestals comprising said second type of mounting system can be temporarily connected to said bracket while two of said pedestals comprising said second type of mounting system are not connected to said bracket.

27. (Previously Presented) A transportation system for transporting a wind turbine tower section, the transportation system comprising:

- a) a movable transportation device having a deck;
- b) first type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device; and,
- c) second type of mounting system affixed to the deck of said movable transportation device and spaced apart from said first type of mounting system, said second type of mounting system comprising four pedestals;

wherein said first type of mounting system is spaced apart from said second type of mounting system at a distance so that a first wind turbine tower section having a first length can be temporarily connected between said first type of mounting system and a first set of pedestals of said second type of mounting system, and a second wind turbine tower section having a second length which is different from said first length can be temporarily connected between said first type of mounting system and a second set of pedestals of said second type of mounting system.

28. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 11 further comprising the step of affixing a plurality of pedestals to the movable transportation device.

29. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 28 further comprising the step of affixing a plurality of end stops to the movable transportation device.

30. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 28 further comprising the step of temporarily connecting the brackets to a plurality of said pedestals.

31. (Previously Presented) A process according to claim 11 wherein the movable transportation device comprises a first railroad car and a second railroad car, and the process further comprises the step of temporarily mounting the cargo-containers to the first railroad car so that the cargo containers extend over the second railroad car while not being attached to the second railroad car.